

ULIUS AMOSS
IS DEAD AT 67

Devoted Much Of Life To International Espionage

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Col. Ulius Louis Amoss, who has devoted much of his life to international espionage, died at 7 A.M., yesterday, at his home at 10 Club road. He was 67.

Requiem high mass will be at 10 A.M., tomorrow, at SS. Philip and James Church, followed by burial in Druid Ridge Cemetery.

Colonel Amoss, an Air Force reservist, was director of International Services of Information Foundation, Inc., which he organized fifteen years ago. He transmitted information from behind the Iron Curtain to about 1,000 subscribers.

Escape Of Flier

One of the most daring exploits for which Colonel Amoss took credit for his organization was the 1953 escape of a Polish flier and his MIG-15 into Denmark. At that time, the United States was very much interested in examining a MIG-15, the type being used by Korean fliers against American airplanes.

The Polish pilot denied having received any help from Colonel Amoss, and Colonel Amoss later refused to discuss the denial, saying it had been a mistake to let out the secret of his group's part in the case.

However, it was later confirmed by former Gov. William Preston Lane, Jr., that he and a group of other Marylanders had put up money to finance spiriting a MIG-15 from behind the Iron Curtain and that Colonel Amoss was the "contact man."

Volunteer Group

Colonel Amoss, who operated from an office at 3 West Twenty-third street, claimed the services of twelve intelligence experts operating abroad, two of them among the "world's greatest." He also claimed a volunteer army of about 7,000 other persons working in strategic positions.

Colonel Amoss once reported on another cloak-and-dagger experience. While on a 1953 field trip to Duesseldorf, Germany, he had a narrow escape, he said. While riding to a railroad station in a taxi, another car pulled up from behind. Two shots were fired at Colonel Amoss.

But the colonel had ducked down in the cab, and after the other car had gone on, he jumped out of the cab, went through the railroad station, took another taxi to the airport and flew away.

Other Adventures

Other adventures linked to Colonel Amoss included his report that Lavrenti Beria, former head of the Russian secret police under Stalin, had in fact not been liquidated, as was reported, but was alive and living outside Russia.

Colonel Amoss was born in St. Louis, moving to the Baltimore area when he was a boy. He was living on Gibson Island when he began his career as a professional spy.

At the beginning of World War II, he was with the Office of Strategic Services and became chief of staff of the 9th Air Force.

Special Duties

He was assigned to special duties with the Air Force general staff before starting his own intelligence service.

Colonel Amoss, in 1946, married the former Mary Veronica Grogan, who was his counterpart in British secret service during World War II. In fact, they met because she had been assigned to keep an eye on Colonel Amoss's activities in Cairo.

Mrs. Amoss will carry on as head of the espionage organization, at least temporarily, according to Henry P. Irv, chairman of the group's board of trustees.

Colonel Amoss's only other survivor is a sister, Mrs. Margaret Amoss Binns, of Baltimore.

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